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Resolution

2001/43
Report of the Committee for Development Policy

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1998/46 of 31 July 1998, in which it decided that the Council should decide on an appropriate work programme for the Committee for Development Policy,

Recalling also its resolution 2000/34 of 28 July 2000 on the report of the Committee on its second session,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 46/206 of 20 December 1991 on the report of the Committee and criteria for identifying the least developed countries,

Taking note with appreciation of the presentation by the Chairman and other members of the Bureau of the Committee and of the report of the Committee on its third session,

Noting that the Committee had received insufficient information to carry out a thorough re-examination of its recommendation to graduate Maldives from the list of the least developed countries, as requested by the Council in resolution 2000/34,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on ensuring a smooth transition of countries graduating from least developed country status[1] and the note by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on the benefits associated with the least developed countries status and the question of graduation,[2]

Having considered the memorandum submitted by the Government of the Maldives,[3]

1. *Requests* the Committee for Development Policy to continue its work on the re-examination of its recommendation to graduate the Maldives from the list of least developed countries at its fourth and fifth sessions and to submit a progress report to the next substantive session and final recommendations to the 2003 substantive session of the Council, taking into account the information referred to in preambular paragraphs 6 and 7 of the present resolution and further information to be provided by relevant development partners and multilateral organizations;

2. *Calls upon* the relevant development partners and multilateral organizations to make available to the Committee the relevant information on their likely response to a country's graduation before the fourth session of the Committee in 2002;

3. *Decides* to extend the transition period of the Maldives until the next triennial review of the list of least developed countries in 2003, as recommended by the Committee;[4]

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[1] E/2001/94.
[2] E/2001/CRP.5 and Add.1.
[3] See E/2000/104.
[4] E/2001/33, para. 9.

4. *Urges* the international organizations, bilateral donors and graduating or near graduating countries to initiate a debate concerning the treatment of graduating countries with a view to ensuring that the graduation of a country from the list of the least developed countries should not result in disruption to its development plans, programmes and projects and the importance of ensuring a smooth transition from least developed country status for countries that become eligible for graduation;

5. *Reiterates* the importance of consulting with relevant Member States in the drawing up and use of country vulnerability profiles as well as the continuing need for transparency, objectivity and accuracy in these processes;

6. *Requests* the Committee to continue its work on the methodology to be used for the identification of the least developed countries, where appropriate in association with other international organizations working on environmental and economic vulnerability issues, and to report to the Council in 2002 on the criteria it proposes to use in the triennial review of the list of the least developed countries scheduled for 2003;

7. *Requests* the Committee, at its fourth session, to examine and make recommendations regarding the theme chosen for the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2002 of the Council;

8. *Welcomes* the proposals made by the Committee regarding its future programme of work;

9. *Invites* the Chairman and, as necessary, other members of the Committee to continue the practice of reporting orally to the Council on the work of the Committee.

Decisions

2001/318
Participation of intergovernmental organizations in the work of the Economic and Social Council

At its 44th plenary meeting, on 10 October 2001, the Economic and Social Council, having considered the application of the International Association of Economic and Social Councils and Similar Institutions, decided, in accordance with rule 79 of the rules of procedure of the Council, that the organization might participate on a continuing basis, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the Council on questions within the scope of its activities.

2001/319
Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 24 October 2001, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

> "The General Assembly, recognizing the important functions entrusted to the Economic and Social Council in the Charter of the United Nations and reaffirming the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[5] in which the General Assembly called, inter alia, for the further strengthening of the Council, building on its recent achievements, to help in fulfilling the role ascribed to it in the Charter, decides that the Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council should be provided with the means to carry out its important functions, taking into account the different arrangements for the principal organs of the United Nations listed in Article 7, paragraph 1, of the Charter."

2001/320
Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 24 October 2001, the Economic and Social Council, having considered paragraph 111 of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[6] adopted by the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries in Brussels on 20 May 2001, and recalling its decision 2001/300 of 26 July 2001 and General Assembly resolution 50/227 of 24 May 1996, decided:

(a) To establish, under the regular agenda item entitled "Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits", a regular sub-item entitled "Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010";

(b) To consider, at a substantive session before 2005, devoting a high-level segment to the review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of

[5] General Assembly resolution 55/2.
[6] A/CONF.191/11.

Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010, and to consider later in the Decade further options for such review and coordination.

2001/321
Further consideration of the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination

At its 45th plenary meeting, on 24 October 2001, the Economic and Social Council:

(a) Took note of the annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination[7] and agreed to the change of the name of the Administrative Committee on Coordination to the United Nations System's Chief Executives Board for Coordination, without the change in its mandate;

(b) Requested the Administrative Committee on Coordination to submit a comprehensive report on the reform of its machinery to the Council at its next session, bearing in mind the relevant reports of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

[7] E/2001/55.